

## MONEY GROWS ON TREES AS MEDCO LOOKS TO THE FUTURE



Being readied for shipment are 34 bushels of cones or approximately 714,000 potential trees for tomorrow.

The cones will be sent to Shady Cove, Oregon, where seeds will be extracted. These seeds will then be sent to the Industrial Forestry Association Nursery at Canby, Oregon, for growing until the Spring of 1969. At that time, seedlings will be ready for planting on about 600 acres of old cutover land in the MEDCO pond area.

Spring of 1968 will see the first plantings from the Canby Nursery. In the past, re-forestation plans called for a "seed spotting" program which used the seed from various sources for planting.

"We're refining our methods," reports Howard Mitchell, Forester. "In 1963, when re-forestation was begun in earnest, we planted 400,000 seedling plants, mostly excess stock from State nurseries, on about 200 acres, and seed spotted several hundred

acres." Mitchell says that this method of seed spotting will usually succeed on recent cutover, but warned that MEDCO has some 15 thousand acres to rehabilitate and seed spotting will not work on land dominated by brush and grass. Thus it is necessary to use seedlings that have a good start and less mortality. It is interesting to note that results of a survey performed last year with the help of forestry students indicated that possibly one-third of the 15 thousand acres is adequately restocked naturally. Out of the 714,000 seeds that will be delivered to Canby, approximately 300,000 will become 2 year seedlings. Only about 20% mortality of planted seedlings is expected. Mitchell states that "we have reached a point where we cannot seed spot anymore and starting in the Spring of 1967, we hope to plant 600 acres per year entirely with seedlings."

Mitchell states that while current methods of harvesting will foster na-



tural re-stocking, "we are concerned over the re-stocking of older cutover

and are now taking big steps forward in reforestation."

It will take about 70 years for these seedlings to be ready for cutting, but Mitchell is optimistic when he talks about the future in the Forest Products Industry. "The Forest Products Industry is progressing rapidly with new innovations and processing techniques that will mold the trees into usable products, which makes us think of fibre, rather than the logs that we think of now, it probably won't take 70 years," says Mitchell, "we're calculating the future quite a bit ahead."

According to Mitchell, "a significantly greater measure of success is possible in plantations where the growing stock is produced from local seed." Previously, no control could be put on the seed planted because it came from various sources, such as excess from the State. "We took our chances on the seed and the seedlings, because we just didn't know where the seed was collected."

Mitchell used an analogy between the trees and people or animals. Characteristics prevalent in the parent stock will also be prevalent in the offspring. Accordingly, mature trees that demonstrate a resistance to diseases, have good form and are fast growing, are the trees that we want to collect the seed. With the use of Scout Troops and careful supervision of the cone collection, Mitchell says that it will be possible to store up enough seed from superior local trees for the planting in future years.



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### Gallagher Named for MEDCO News-Views

New editor of MEDCO News-Views is Michael J. Gallagher, Medford Branch Manager of Coit & Associates, Inc., an advertising and public relations firm.

Gallagher actually assumed the duties of editor-photographer about three months ago when the Lew Tyser Agency was bought out by Gallagher's firm. Tyser was the former editor.

A graduate in English & Journalism from Mt. Angel College, he joined Coit & Associates as an advertising account executive in January of 1965. Previous to that time, he was public relations assistant for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland.

Gallagher is a member of Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association, International Association of Industrial Editors and the Oregon Association of Communicators & Editors.

## Credit Union News

The question is often asked, "How much debt can I afford?" Although this can be a tough question to answer, here are some rules of thumb that have been gleaned from the experts.

1. Don't let your total debt (home mortgage excluded) get beyond twenty percent of one year's take-home pay.
2. Don't let your total debt get so large that you can't pay it off in twelve to twenty-four months with ten percent of your income.

Your Credit Union Office is open each day, Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 12:45 and from 5 to 6 P.M.

### MEDCOok's Corner Discontinued

MEDCOok's Corner will be discontinued temporarily for the sake of the editor, so that he may not have to look up recipes.

A new contest will be starting soon, but in the meantime, send recipes, no matter how many or what kind to News-Views, P.O. Box 550, Medford. Paid for by the "Be kind to the editor committee."

### Off-the-job Safety Idea

The Greater Detroit Safety Council warns, "Your kitchen is a potential killer."

Among the hazards the housewife must harness are heat, sharp cutting instruments, poisonous and flammable cleaning agents. Here's a rundown on tips contained in the bulletin, which makes a good off-the-job safety promotion:

Keep curtains and towel racks away from sources of heat.

Arrange doors so they won't obstruct traffic.

Use a high or locked closet to keep cleaning compounds out of children's reach.

Keep sharp knives in a rack out of children's reach.

Round off counters or table corners.

Look for UL or A.G.A. labels on appliances.

## Market Report



By Ed Nave  
Sales Manager

The market picture for October is still gloomy and has been real slow. Housing is still on the decrease and no break is seen in the foreseeable future.

On the brighter side, with our diversified production, we are still able to maintain our order file and pick up some industrial business that fits our production.

### First Aid Classes for Supervisors

First Aid classes for supervisors began October 11th and will continue for six consecutive Tuesday evenings, ending November 15th.

The classes are held from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Tuesdays at the Red Cross Building, 60 Hawthorne Avenue in Medford, across the street from the east side of Hawthorne Park.

### A Note of Thanks

We are deeply grateful for the gift we recently received from our friends at MEDCO.

May the Lord Bless each of you for your love and concern.

Sincerely,  
Homer and Mrs. Pleyer

### Spook News

Play it safe on Halloween, October 31, and treat your little goblins and spooks.

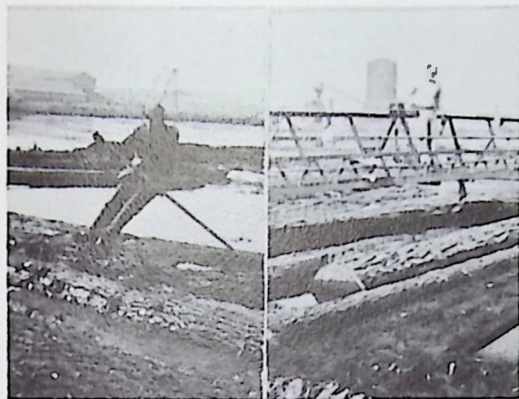
We hear more and more each year of tricks on children which have caused violent sickness and sometimes death. Play it safe, the treat is better than the trick.



## HOW'S HUNTING?

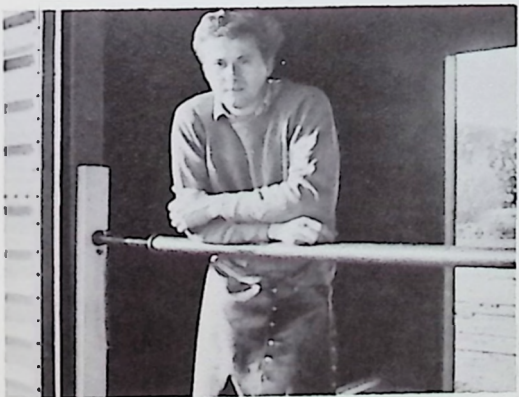


Bob Johnson, Car Loader, went hunting, in fact, "nine of us went and six of us came back with four-pointers."



Jim Griffith, Pond Monkey, "had good intentions, but my wife got a hold of me first and I had to dig fence post holes."

Terry O'Connors, Oiler-Cleaner, got his buck on the special pre-season weekend near Prospect.



Carl Hall, Car Loader, "went over to Chiloquin and got my forked horn."

Max Goble, Monorail, Yard Dept., "intended to get my deer—didn't even see one."

## October Marks Two Retirement Anniversaries

October has marked the retirement of two MEDCO employees. The first retirement, Hank Lucier, is the first such departure from the Plywood Plant. The second is that of Jess Rodgers who has just completed 31 years service.

Henry "Hank" T. Lucier, Chipper Spotter, has been with MEDCO for the past twelve and one-half years and became the first employee to ever retire from the Plywood Plant.

Hank started his career with MEDCO as Head Car Wacker on the railroad looking after the air and brakes



on the cars. He's been with plywood for about five and one-half years, since the shutting down of the railroad in 1959. "That's the only regret I have ever had with MEDCO, the shutting down of the railroad," says Hank. His wife of 33 years, Sarah, has a lot of jobs around home for Hank,



Dan Goin, Pond Sorter, "came pretty close—I'll know where they are next time."

although he's planning on catching up on his fishing.

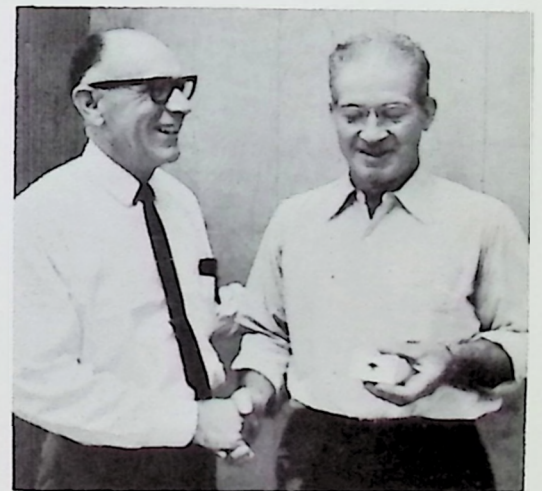
Hank was presented with his first retirement check from Russell Hogue and Mike Oreskovic, Plywood Supervisor.

Hank's son, Donald, is also a MEDCOite and works in the Plywood Plant.

Jess Rodgers has been a Logging Side Boss since 1944, but has been with MEDCO since its beginning 31 years ago. Jess is celebrating his retirement with a trip to Eastern Oregon to go Elk hunting. After that, Jess has a trip planned to Los Angeles and maybe next year, a trip to Alaska. Wherever he travels though, Jess usually takes his second home with him, his trailer.

Jess actually started logging in 1926 with the Owen Oregon Lumber Company and was a Cat driver until 1944. His brothers were loggers and Jess "just started logging and stayed with it."

As for retirement, Jess says that he feels pretty good and is looking forward to his days of hunting and fishing. He hasn't got his deer for this season as yet, but he feels quite confident.



Butte Falls is home for Jess and his wife Dalton. They have two married sons, "Billy is at Butte Falls, falling timber for MEDCO, it's a good company to work for," says Jess.

On Friday, October 7, Jess received his gold 31 year retirement pin from Russell J. Hogue, President.





### Pickens Mare Lists New Arrival

Ken Pickens, Treasurer, announced that his twenty-six year old Registered Tennessee Walker mare "Patsy Dear", foundation bred, gave birth on August 24th. With the help of Ken, she gave birth to a half Arabian filly, Cideara, whose sire was Aldachar El Cid.

## The Log

What has happened to the log in the Forest Products Industry? This question comes under the category of utilization and how the log has been used in the past and how it will be used in the future.

According to Dr. Stewart Rich of the University of Oregon, the log is still being used for lumber, but this use is on a gradual decrease. Dr. Rich has completed a study on "The Log" and came up with some interesting figures. In 1952, says Dr. Rich, "75% of the log went to lumber; 5% to veneer and plywood; 10% to pulp, and 10% to miscellaneous. In 1962, ten years later, 68% went for lumber; 11% for veneer and plywood; 16% to pulp; and 5% to miscellaneous."

Dr. Rich has projected ahead with his figures and tells us that in 1970, only 63% of the log will be used for lumber, down 12% in 18 years; a rise of 5% over the previous year to 16% utilization for plywood and veneer; only a 1% raise to 17% for pulp; and a drop of 1% under the previous year to 4% for miscellaneous.

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### Picnic Contest Winner Announced

The winner of the 1966 MEDCO Picnic Contest is Mary V. Davis, wife of Parker Davis, Plywood Plant.

Mrs. Davis' estimate on the total attendance at this year's event was 1829 people. The official count, as determined by John North, the caterer, was 1849 in attendance.

The winner receives a gift certificate for a Swift's Premium Ham, compliments of John North and North's Chuckwagon.



"It really doesn't hurt, only when the needle goes in."

### A Shot in Time

On September 15, the first in a series of two free flu shots were given MEDCO employees.

MEDCO arranged to have the flu shots available for all employees who wished to take the series. The shots are given two months apart and the second shot will be given in November.

Statistics have proven that these shots are effective in reducing illness due to flu.



### Pickens, Matson Tie

Ken Pickens and Arne Matson tied for High Game Honors with a 216, while Matson took High Series and High Series with a Handicap. These were results of the Monday, October 10 MEDCO Bowling League.

	Won	Lost	Pct.	
1. Ralph's Appliance	14	2	0.875	Arne Matson .....582
2. Sawmill	14	2	0.875	Don Goddard .....557
3. Safeway	14	2	0.875	Stan Palmer .....519
4. U.S.F.S.	10½	5½	0.656	Ed Abbott .....480
5. Odds & Ends	10	6	0.625	Alra Webster .....488
6. Chinese Bandits	8	8	0.500	Ray Roberts .....513
7. Scratch Pads	6	10	0.375	Eldon Vinson .....554
8. Mavericks	6	10	0.375	Bill Tucker .....494
9. Hi Graders	6	10	0.375	Jerry Matthey .....455
10. Pitchford Mack Sales	6	10	0.375	Bill Mitchell .....452
11. Wreckers	4½	11½	0.281	Carl Anderson .....509
12. 3M	1	3	0.250	Bryan Gerrick .....489